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AGRO PROCESSING IN NER AND SIKKIM
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by the Government to promote Horticulture Agro Processing in the NER including Sikkim; and

(b) the details of project oriented schemes taken up and sanctioned in the NER including Sikkim during 2000-2001, State- wise and project-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH)

(a): The Government has made special provision for North Eastern Region (NER) including Sikkim. In the Plan outlay for the Department of Food Processing Industries, 10 per cent of the total oulay has been earmarked for assistance to NER including Sikkim. Under the Plan Scheme, higherquantum of assistance is given to projects in the "Difficult Areas" which include North Eastern States and Sikkim as compared to assistance in General Areas.

(b): Department of Food Processing Industries under itsPlan Schemesprovides financial assistance for promotion of food processing industries including horticulture processing throughout the country. Financial assistance of about Rs. 135.66 lakhs has been extended for various projects in the North East and Sikkim during 2000-2001.